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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/659,644 Confirmation No.: 3665

Applicant : Ronald Lee Amey  
Filed : September 10, 2003

Title : Melt-Sprayed Curing Agent Powder and Powder Coating  
Compositions Made Therefrom

TC/Art Unit : 1713

Examiner: : William K. Cheung

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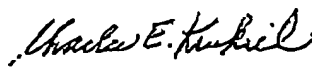
The attached PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE was transmitted for filing on October 28, 2004.

At this time, Applicant has received no communication from the Office of Petitions regarding our request to withdraw the holding of abandonment for over a year and a half. Applicant requests this Petition be processed and this application continue on to grant or an indication of its status be provided.

If this Petition to Withdraw is accepted, please note that our Deposit Account number is 50-3223 and that the attached Petition to Withdrawn requests payment from a credit card. Please do not use this request for payment from a credit card. *We hereby authorize any*

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Respectfully submitted,  
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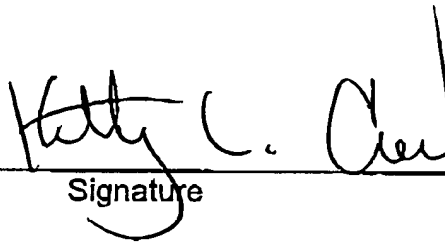
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 BASED ON**  
**FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 based on failure to receive Notice of Allowance, and respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment of the application be withdrawn based on the facts set forth herein.

**BACKGROUND**

Applicants filed this application on September 10, 2003. On April 15, 2004, a Notice of Allowance was mailed, giving Applicant until July 15, 2004 to pay the Issue Fee and Publication Fees of \$1630.00. On August 17, 2004, a Notice of Abandonment of the Application was mailed due to failure to timely pay the Issue Fee and Publication Fee.

Undersigned counsel attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and the docket records indicates that the Notice of Allowance was never received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Notice of Allowance would have been entered and docketed is attached.

Appln. No. 10/659,644

Petition dated October 25, 2004

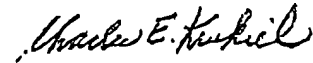
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**CONCLUSION**

Based on this evidence, Applicant respectfully requests the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn and that the Application should be reinstated. Applicant contemporaneously submits the Issue Fee and Publication Fee of \$1630.00, and authorizes the Commissioner to deduct this amount from the undersigned's credit card (PTO-2038 attached). It is believed that no fees are due upon filing this Petition. If additional fees are determined to be due, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to deduct those fees from the undersigned's credit card (PTO-2038 attached).

Date: October 28, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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## NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

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- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a *bona fide* attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).
- ☐ No reply has been received.
- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) (or Notice of Publication Fee Due).
- ☐ The submitted fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).
- ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



## Attachment to Notice of Abandonment

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### **Respond to the Notice of Abandonment by one of the following:**

- 1. Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required**

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., a reply was in fact filed), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing or MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence. The petition should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
By facsimile: 703-872-9306

- 2. Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181). No fee required**

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Petition should be addressed to the Technology Center handling the application as follows:

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- 3. Petition To Revive An Abandoned Application (See MPEP 711.03(c) III)**

Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g., the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b) (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application. The text of these rules is available on the USPTO Internet Web site. Forms for these petitions, "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR § 1.137(a)," PTO/SB/61, and "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," PTO/SB/64, are available in the forms section of the USPTO website: <http://www.uspto.gov>.

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10/659,644	09/10/2003	Ronald Lee Amey	PI1220USDIV	3665

TITLE OF INVENTION: MELT-SPRAYED CURING AGENT POWDER AND POWDER COATING COMPOSITIONS MADE THEREFROM

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1330	\$300	\$1630	07/15/2004

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☐ Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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**Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**  
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

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**Notice of Allowability**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Preliminary Amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. In view of Preliminary Amendment filed September 10, 2003, claims 1-2, 4 have been cancelled. Claim 3 is pending.

***Allowances***

2. Claim 3 is allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including the closest prior art of Daly et al. (US 6,114,414) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

*The invention of claim 3 relates to a process for making a powder of substantially spherical particles comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid, sebacic acid, undecanedioic acid, dodecanedioic acid,*

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***brassylic acid, and the anhydrides of said acids, said process comprising spraying molten compound from a nozzle into a walled chamber to form a spray comprising droplets of said compound, said chamber being sized to allow said droplets to solidify before they contact the wall of said chamber.***

The closest prior art Daly et al. (abstract; col. 6, line 1-62) disclose a process for the production of a powder coating by spraying through a spray nozzle or air-assisted nozzle (col. 7, line 14-29). However, Daly et al. are silent on a powder making process comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid, sebacic acid, undecanedioic acid, dodecanedioic acid, brassylic acid, and the anhydrides of said acids, and spraying the molten compound from a nozzle into a walled chamber.

Therefore, it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in art to use the powder process teachings of Daly et al. to obtain the invention of claim 3. The invention of claim 3 is allowed.

In light of the above discussion, it is evident as to why the present claims are patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William K Cheung whose telephone number is (571) 272-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David WU can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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William K. Cheung

Patent Examiner

March 26, 2004





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